

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a display;

a keyboard including alphanumeric keys each allocated to one character in a first input mode, wherein at least one of the alphanumeric keys of the keyboard is allocated to more than one character in the second input mode and is provided on a second side of the apparatus;

at least one cursor key configured to select a word generated by a predetermined program, wherein the at least one cursor key is provided on a first side of the apparatus, opposite to the second side, between the display and the keyboard;

a common button configured to be both an activation button to activate the predetermined program and a determination button to determine the word selected from candidates appearing on the display according to a number of times a selected alphanumeric key is pressed in a second input mode while the predetermined program is activated, wherein the common button is provided on the first side of the apparatus between the display and the keyboard; [[and]]

a pointing device configured to move a pointer appearing on the display in a desired direction, wherein the pointing device is adjacent to the common button[[,]]; and

a mouse button set, including

a center button configured to scroll a screen appearing on the display;

a left button configured to operate as a first function button; and

a right button configured to operate as a second function button,

wherein the mouse button set is located near an opposite end from the common button and the at least one cursor key in an axial direction of a hinge pin between the display and the keyboard, and

wherein the at least one cursor key includes a plurality of cursor keys arranged around a perimeter of the pointing device and the common button is arranged outside a perimeter of the plurality of cursor keys.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a switch button configured to switch a direction of the display; and

a confirmation key configured to confirm an item selected with the pointing device or one of the plurality of cursor keys,

wherein the common button, the switch button, and the confirmation key form a ring that surrounds the plurality of cursor keys and the pointing device.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

at least one auxiliary input key configured to input a first character when the predetermined program is not activated and to input a second character when the predetermined program is activated.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

the common button and the cursor key are only provided on the first side of the apparatus, and

the at least one of the alphanumeric keys allocated to more than one character in the second input mode is only provided on the second side of the apparatus opposite to the first side.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

in the second input mode, a single letter is selected by the at least one of the alphanumeric keys allocated to more than one character,

in response to the single letter selected by the at least one of the alphanumeric keys, the predetermined program generates a list including a single word and a group of words configured to be selected by the common button, and

the common button is configured to select more than one word from the list at a time.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

the alphanumeric keys include individual keys corresponding to each letter in the English alphabet in the first input mode.

Claim 10 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the left button and the right button included in the mouse button set are positioned to encircle the center button.

Claim 11 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein the left button is larger than the right button.

Claim 12 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the left button is configured to select a program or a menu that is pointed to with the pointer.

Claim 13 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the display is configured to display a submenu including various items at a location of a cursor when the right button is selected.

Claim 14 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein, when the center button is pressed and held and force is then applied on the pointing device in a predetermined direction, the display screen is scrolled in the predetermined direction.